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Dear Joshua,

You will recall, during our meeting in Charlottesville, among others, that you emphasized the need for the world to respond now to the impending crisis resulting from the resurgence of infectious diseases. We feel a need to take this challenge up at the earliest opportunity with CIOMS. As a first step we have been considering the feasibility of organizing a high-profile conference on the implications of this rapidly deteriorating situation. I do hope that I can count on your support and advice in the preparation of this event, which I hope to arrange in WHO Headquarters during the fall of this year. Even more, the conference will gain considerably in stature and influence if you could agree to deliver a keynote address.

We intend to invite not only representatives of all ministries of health, the medical academia and national research councils, but also top persons in leading institutions such as IOM, NIH, FDA, EU, etc.


Both Jack Bryant and I are aware that it is under your leadership that the Institute of Medicine is creating a Forum on Emerging Infections. It seems to me that a discussion of the international aspects of this issue will be helpful, not least, to the work of your Forum.

I enclose the preliminary draft agenda and a short background note that I have developed together with John F. Dunne, Director of the WHO Division of Drug Management and Policies.

Please let me know, by fax, when and where I can reach you by telephone  
(with number) so that we can discuss the possibilities. ✓

Looking forward to hearing from you soon and with kind wishes for 1995,  
I remain,

Yours sincerely;

  
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